IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An insulation displacement terminal comprising:

a pair of opposed insulation displacement groove-forming portions each having an insulation displacement groove for displacing an insulation;

an interconnecting portion interconnecting bottom portions of said pair of insulation displacement groove-forming portions;

a lead extending from said interconnecting portion; and

a pair of plate portions which are formed respectively at opposite side edges of at least one of said insulation displacement groove-forming portions by bending to form an insulated wire-holding space therebetween, wherein the terminal is formed into an integral construction by sheet metal working, using a single member; and

abutment portions are formed respectively at lower edges of said plate portions so as to be abutable against a housing.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The insulation displacement terminal according to claim 1, further comprising~~: abutment portions formed respectively at lower edges of said plate portions so as to abut against a housing; and~~ bendable piece portions extending respectively from upper edges of said plate portions.

Claim 3 (Original): The insulation displacement terminal according to claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein each of said plate portions includes a retaining portion for retaining engagement with said housing.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~The insulation displacement terminal according to claim 1, further comprising:~~ An insulation displacement terminal comprising:

a pair of opposed insulation displacement groove-forming portions each having an insulation displacement groove for displacing an insulation;

an interconnecting portion interconnecting bottom portions of said pair of insulation displacement groove-forming portions;

a lead extending from said interconnecting portion;

a pair of plate portions which are formed respectively at opposite side edges of at least one of said insulation displacement groove-forming portions by bending to form an insulated wire-holding space therebetween, wherein the terminal is formed into an integral construction by sheet metal working, using a single member; and

retaining portions respectively formed on opposite side edges of said pair of insulation displacement groove-forming portions so as to be retainingly engaged with said housing.

Claim 5 (Original): The insulation displacement terminal according to claim 1, further comprising a bent portion provided at an intermediate portion of said lead, and being resiliently deformable.

Claim 6 (Original): The insulation displacement terminal according to claim 1, wherein said terminal is used in an insulation displacement connector containing a circuit board, and said lead is soldered to said circuit board.